

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-36-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL SDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADOPTION EXCHANGE ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAM

It is with great pleasure that I announce the commencement of a key component of our new Minority Home Recruitment Program - The Adoption Exchange Enhancement Program (AEEP). As a result of our recently completed request for proposal process (RFP 87-52), we have entered into a 27-month contract with Family Builders by Adoption (Family Builders) for the development of an adoption exchange network to facilitate and increase the permanent placement of Black, Hispanic and Native American children. The contract will span the period of April 1, 1988 through June 30, 1990. Over the next two years, Family Builders will enhance and expand the capabilities of the BASA, VALLEY, MID-COAST, REACH and SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CO-OP adoption exchanges. Through the AEEP, information will be obtained and disseminated statewide regarding Black, Hispanic and Native American minority children available for adoption and families seeking to adopt such children.

Family Builders, a private adoption agency located in the city of Oakland, has been in the children's services arena for over 15 years. Family Builders is directed by Ms. Pat Montgomery, a seasoned private agency executive who brings a wealth of children's services background to the establishment of this important program. Perhaps most notable, is Ms. Montgomery's experience as the founder and former manager of the statewide adoption exchange in Ohio.

Over the coming months, we will be working with Ms. Montgomery and her AEEP coordinator in the establishment of a bond between the existing exchanges, the development of a communication network between line social workers/adoption caseworkers statewide, and the provision of technical assistance to both public and private agencies.

Given the inter-county, cooperative nature of many of the potential matches that will occur as a result of the AEEP, the assistance of you and your staff will be fundamental to the success of this program. We look forward to working with each of you toward that end.

If you or your staff have any questions about this new program, please contact Mr. Marvin Sims, Recruitment Consultant, at (916) 323-0590 or ATSS 473-0590.

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cc: CWDA